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The Many Grooves of a Multifaceted Man

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University Helps Promote Civic Engagement, Education

Polls done over the past few years indicate that Americans as a whole believe that learning civics is important. But they haven't always transferred that concern into action.

Increasingly, Americans are not voting. They are not volunteering or taking part in other basic democratic institutions. They are not informed.

For Peter Levine, deputy director of The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Maryland (CIRCLE), one reason this is happening is straightforward. "Civics education has been inadequate for more than a generation," he says. "And we are paying a price for that now."

Increasingly, polls show young people are following in their parent's footsteps. They are more cynical of government and less likely to vote. "Our research shows that the decline in youth civic participation is real and worsening," said William A. Galston, director of CIRCLE. "The future vitality of our democracy depends on us reaching and inspiring younger Americans."

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Giving Cole New Purpose Offices Looking for More Space Turn to Field House

When Cole Field House ceased operations as mainly an athletic facility last year, it began life as a multipurpose building, allowing units to move from temporary, cramped spaces to roomier digs.

Approximately 20 departments will soon call Cole home. To prepare the aging building for its new occupants, Facilities Management employees converted locker rooms to offices and practice space to conference rooms. For some, it's been a long process, but one worth waiting for.

"Especially to come along at this time," when money is so tight, says Luke Jensen, director of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Equity, who will be moving from the Computer and Space Sciences building. His office provides drop-in services and a lounge for the LGBT community. However, the



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Assistant Organizational Development Specialist Denise Maple, Organizational Development Specialist Laura Scott and OOE Director Vicky Foxworth look forward to moving into their new space that, as pictured at right, is not quite ready.

drop-in room is so small that a student may peek in, see one other student and leave, says Jensen.

Brenda Testa, director of Facilities Planning, says Cole's transition actually

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University Prepared During Heightened Alert

The National Homeland Security Agency has increased our national and state threat condition to Level Orange with an associated high risk of terrorist attack. This threat condition prescribes a high level of alert based upon intelligence gathering that indicates the high likelihood of terrorist attack within the continental United States. Specific targets have not been identified as a result of this new alert.

The University of Maryland Department of Public Safety (UMDPS) automatically implements response protocols based upon the current threat level at the national and local level to mitigate risk at this institution. These response protocols activate different levels of operational activities undertaken by the UMDPS to provide enhanced services to the com-

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Budget Cutbacks Felt University-wide

In one building, remnants of a birthday celebration lingered in a trash can just a bit too long for its tenants. An employee hoping for a late afternoon scoop of ice cream one day stood at the closed doors of the Turner Deli looking disappointed.

All over the campus, directors are figuring out ways to work around a hiring freeze and 5 percent budget reduction without too significantly affecting services. One of the first signs of reduced services came in the form of a memo from Harry Teabout III, director of building and landscape services late last month. He informed deans, directors and department heads that a reduction of office area cleaning services would begin almost immediately.

"As you may recall, in 1991 we absorbed major cuts to our budgets and subsequently to our service levels," he

wrote. "Though this funding was never recovered, in 2001 we were able to restore services to pre-1991 levels through productivity improvements resulting from the employment of the latest technology and cleaning methods."

Sandy Dykes, assistant director of housekeeping services, says her staff's efforts are at capacity, though. "We've had to fight back against a lot. We couldn't absorb any more." She emphasizes that classrooms, restrooms and public areas will not be affected. Office space workers will be re-assigned to more public spaces and annual project work.

Dining Services' workers will not be so fortunate. Since many of the smaller campus eateries, such as the Deli, cut back their hours, employees that worked during those times will lose that hourly pay. Pat Higgins, director, said the decision was

based on business volume.

"We examined our volume of business during our hours of operation to determine which hours were non-revenue producing. We used this analysis to select the hours to cut in select dining locations," she says. "It is not cost-effective to remain open during non-revenue producing or non-peak hours. The current volume of business did not support these additional hours."

Many on campus remember the early '90s cutbacks that resulted in layoffs, so this latest round of belt-tightening—while inconvenient and painful—is preferred. At least people can keep working, and they're trying to do so in the most effective ways. Dykes says that in 1988, her staff numbered more than 300 people, but had fewer buildings to clean. Now, approximately 164 people

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New Professor Brings New Focus

Materials researchers have long sought a method to economically produce large amounts of spider silk, which is five times stronger than steel by weight. A reproductive biologist who helped develop goats with spider web silk protein in their milk joined the university faculty recently.

Carol L. Keefer, an associate professor in the Department of Animal and Avian Sciences, is excited about her new work at Maryland. Keefer said that the new biotechnology program made the campus an attractive option. "It is exciting and challenging...to have the opportunity to work with the faculty in the department and the scientists out at the USDA research center in Beltsville," Keefer said. Her post-doctorate work at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine was in reproductive physiology.

She is interested in mammalian embryology. "How does this one-cell embryo become the animal that it is coded to be? What I find particularly fascinating is how this cell becomes a goat, a cow, or a rabbit."

Keefer previously worked for the Canadian firm Nexia Biotechnologies, where she was part of a team that took a gene that controls the production of spider silk protein and transferred it to goats' milk secreting cells.

"Spider silk is the strongest fiber known to man," Keefer said. "It has numerous applications."

Early research focused on rearing spiders using traditional silkworm farming methods, but spiders aren't as docile as silkworms. "Spiders are very territorial, so you can't farm them in a herd, because they'll eat each other up," Keefer said. "They're not easy to farm like silkworms. Silkworms can be kept together in trays on a diet of leaves."

In preliminary work, Keefer's colleagues at Nexia placed a silk protein gene into mammalian cells grown in culture. Silk protein produced by these cells was purified, and in a process developed in partnership with the U.S. Army Soldier Biological Chemical Command in Natick, Mass., was spun into a silk fiber. This groundbreaking work was published in the Jan. 18, 2002 issue of the journal "Science."

Keefer, who earned her biological sciences doctorate from the

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS: FEBRUARY 18 - 24

TUESDAY

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8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Short-course Training: Intermediate MS Excel 4404 Computer & Space Science. The course covers creating charts to analyze and manipulate data, and using drawing tools to add graphic objects and otherwise modify presentation charts. Prerequisite: Introduction to MS Excel or similar experience. The class fee is \$90. To register, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc. For more information, contact Jane S. Wieboldt at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu.

8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Short-course Training: Intermediate MS Access 4404 Computer & Space Science. The class fee is \$90. To register, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc. For more information, contact Jane S. Wieboldt at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu.

4-6 p.m., Works In Progress Seminar Series: Dissertations in Progress Marie Mount Hall. The following students will present their work: Brandi Adams, Department of English, "Entering into the Study of Renaissance English Drama;" Phoebe Avery, Department of Art History and Archaeology, "Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640): Art in the Service of the State;" Bryan Herek, Department of English, "Early Modern Satire and the Bishops' Order of 1599: Manuscript, Print and Stage;" Helen Hull, Department of English, "An Officer and a Gentlewoman: Representing the Monarch in 'If You Know Not Me, You Know Nobody.'" Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Karen Nelson at (301) 405-6830 or kn15@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.inform.umd.edu/crbs/programs.

7-9 p.m., Shanta Driver Keynote Address Grand Ballroom. Stamp Student Union. Shanta Driver, National Coordinator of United for Equity and Affirmative Action (UEAA) will give a keynote speech that will be preceded by the presentation of the African American Flag. A meet-and-greet session will follow. For more information, contact Robert Waters at 5-5793 or rewaters@deans.umd.edu.

Information Technology, Management and Sharing: Keys to Homeland Security

From 3-4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, the College of Information Studies will host a faculty roundtable in 0109 Hornbake with Steve Pomerantz, formerly the head of counter-terrorism for the FBI and currently executive director of Mitretek's Center for Criminal Justice Technology. Come and share ideas and developments in the arena of homeland security with one of the leading experts. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. E-mail lstickl@deans.umd.edu with your name, telephone number and a subject line of "Will Attend Faculty." For more information, contact Lee S. Strickland at 4-5452 or lstickl@deans.umd.edu, or visit www.clis.umd.edu.

7:30 p.m., Guarneri String Quartet Open Rehearsal Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The ensemble, now in its 20th year performs. Free. For more information, visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

WEDNESDAY

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Deadline for Submitting Nominations for the President's Commission on Women's Issues Women of Color 2003 Award For more information, see For Your Interest, page 8.

Noon-1 p.m., Why There Has Never Been a Better Time to Be a Jewish Terp 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Building. Scott Brown, Executive Director of the Hillel Center for Jewish Life, will be speaking. For more information, contact Vivian S. Boyd at vb14@umail.umd.edu.

3-4 p.m., Black Europeans? Racism, Identity and The Black Athlete 3rd Floor Lounge, HHP Building. Ben Carrington of the University of Brighton, U.K., will lecture on European racism and the politics of the Black Diaspora. For more information contact Jane E. Clark at 5-2450 or jeclark@umd.edu.

4-6 p.m., The University at Shady Grove Open House 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville. The Universities at Shady Grove offer daytime, evening and weekend graduate and undergraduate classes. Admissions and transfer counselors will be present to answer questions. Fall 2003 applications are now being accepted. For directions and

more information, call (301) 738-6023 or visit www.shadygrove.umd.edu/prospectivestudents/howtogether.php.

4:30-7 p.m., Black Cultural Southern Dinner The Diner at Ellicott and South Campus Dining Hall. A dinner featuring employee recipes and cultural dining favorites. For more information, call Patricia Higgins at 4-8054.

7-9 p.m., The Language House Showcase Ground Floor, St. Mary's Hall. Come and enjoy an evening of performing and visual arts. The showcase is a talent show prepared by the Language House students to reflect their target language or culture. The program will include songs, dances, skits, instrumental music, Tai-Chi demonstrations and exhibitions of paintings, sculptures and origami. International refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the showcase. For more information, call 5-6996 or e-mail pl67@umail.umd.edu.

THURSDAY

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3-4 p.m., The Dynamic Textual Edition, Underpinnings and Above with Ray Siemens 6137 McKeldin Library. This lecture will address the necessary underpinnings and user-level functionality of a dynamic textual edition where the dynamic text and the hypertextual edition meet. For more information, contact Ann Hanlon at 5-8927 or ahanlon@wam.umd.edu, or visit www.mith2.umd.edu/outreach/dss/siemens.html.

7 p.m., Sixth Annual Celebration of African Ameri-

cans in the Information Professions Multipurpose Room, Nyumburu Cultural Center. The College of Information Studies will sponsor this event, which provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate outstanding achievement and leadership in the field. The centerpiece of the celebration is the presentation of the annual James Partridge Outstanding African American Information Professional Award, named in honor of its first recipient five years ago. This year's award will be given to Karen Jefferson, Head, Archives and Special Collections, Atlanta University Center, Atlanta, Ga. Jefferson is an archivist/librarian whose work has included management, acquisitions, processing, reference service, outreach and grantsmanship in support of African American initiatives in the academic and scholarly community and the general public. The main speaker at the event will be Peter R. Young, Director, National Agricultural Library, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more information, contact Marietta Plank at (301) 405-3600 or mplank@deans.umd.edu.

8 p.m., Johannes Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem Dekelbom Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The Maryland Chorus, University Chorale and Chamber singers, and the Maryland Symphony Orchestra perform Brahms' choral masterpiece. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 seniors, and \$5 for students. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

FRIDAY

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Noon, Behind closed Doors Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. More aptly subtitled "everything you always wanted to know about early 19th-century life, but were afraid to ask," the exhibit tackles the less elegant aspects of real life in the early Federal period. Open Fridays and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for students 18 and under. For more information, call (301) 864-0420, TTY (301) 699-2544, or go to www.pgpcars.com.

2-4 p.m., Campus Conversations in the Diaspora Conference Room, Nyumburu Cultural Center. For more information, contact Toby Jenkins at 4-8439.

SUNDAY

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3 p.m., Johannes Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem

Dekelbom Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. See Thursday, Feb. 20.

MONDAY

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Time TBD, Kwesi Mfume Speech Hoff Theater, Stamp Student Union. The NAACP President will speak on the importance of voting to the Black community. For more information, contact the Black Student Union at 4-8326.

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Web Designer and Developer 101 4404 Computer & Space Science. For those who are new to Web development, but have basic HTML skills. The class will focus on more advanced features and tools of Web page construction (tables, meta data, cascading stylesheets, Photoshop, Dreamweaver). Participants will have the opportunity to develop a simple Web site in order to demonstrate their grasp of the skills and issues presented during four days of training (Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 24 to March 5). The class fee is \$160 for students, \$200 for staff, and \$260 USM associates. Visit www.oit.umd.edu/webdeveloper for detailed agenda and registration. For more information, contact Deborah Mateik at 5-2945 or zdeb@umd.edu.

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Libraries Showcase Some of Their Treasures

An array of rare books, manuscripts, maps, photographs, artwork and memorabilia is now on display in the first floor exhibit gallery in Hornbake Library.

This new exhibit, titled "Treasures of Special Collections," celebrates the transformation of Hornbake Library into one of the premier special collections facilities in the mid-Atlantic region. It features riches from Marylandia, Rare Books, the National Trust for Historic Preservation Library, University Archives, Historical Manuscripts and Literary Manuscripts, as well as broadcasting treasures from the National Public Broadcasting Archives and the Library of American Broadcasting.

On display are items that show the exceptional variety and significance of primary source materials available to the public in Special Collections at the Libraries. Exhibit viewers will find many interesting items on display, including:



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Above: In 1930, the "state of the art" in radio voice transmission was this Western Electric carbon microphone.

Left: These first editions of each of Djuna Barnes' works represent almost her entire oeuvre outside of her journalism. Barnes, who published rarely and is pictured here, was considered a key figure in modernist literature during the years between the two World Wars.



James Joyce's "Ulysses," first edition (1922)

One of only 100 copies signed by the author, this volume is arguably the most influential novel in modern times and a much sought-after work of 20th century fiction.

Maryland Agricultural College cadet uniform and dress sword (c. 1914)

The all-male MAC student body was originally organized as a corps of cadets. The young men were required to wear wool uniforms wherever they went on campus—to class, in the dormitory, at mealtime, and at work on the college's farm. Company commanders carried a sword for dress parade.

An original NBC chime box (early 20th century)

Announcers in pre-tape days actually had to strike the notes live on the air; in later years this famous three-tone sequence became the first audio trademark in U.S. History.

Mark Twain's "Sketches, New and Old" (1875)

Twain inscribed this copy to Mary "Auntie" Cord, a former slave, whose life inspired Twain in his sketch, "A True Story, Repeated Word for Word as I Heard It";

Djuna Barnes artwork (1919-1934)

Barnes was an extraordinary modernist American author, best known for her novel "Nightwood" (1936), but also began her career as an artist and illustrator.

John White's Americae Pars, Nunc Virginia Dicta (1590)

This is the first map printed that contains cartographic reference to the Chesapeake Bay and the oldest item in the Maryland Map Collection;

Postcards from the San Francisco earthquake (1906)

These unique postcards depict the destruction of historic buildings in that region of the country.

Storyboard for the lower case "a" segment of "Sesame Street" (undated)

This popular program from Children's Television Workshop assisted generations of children with reading skills by focusing on a different letter or number in each episode.

Pyon Su was the first Korean student to receive a degree from an American college or university, graduating from the Maryland Agricultural College (forerunner of the University of Maryland) in 1891. Upon completing his education, he worked briefly for the United States Department of Agriculture. Tragically, he was killed by a train at the College Park railroad crossing on Oct. 22, 1891, only months after his graduation. He is buried in Beltsville, Maryland, and today is a highly revered figure in Korea.

The exhibit is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays when the Maryland Room is open. For more information, visit www.lib.umd.edu/HBK/showcase.

Marylanders Deeply Skeptical of Campaign Financing System

Marylanders overwhelmingly believe large campaign contributors buy political influence, yet see smaller political donations as legitimate and important, according to a new study from the University of Maryland and the University of Baltimore.

The results of the statewide poll also show that a substantial majority favors some reform measures in Maryland regulating contributions and spending. While a majority favors public funding of campaigns, only 29 percent were willing to use tax dollars to implement such a plan.

"The distrust of the system is so widespread that it largely cuts across ideology and political affiliations," says Paul Herrnson, director of the Center for American Politics and Citizenship at Maryland, who analyzed the results. "Three out of four Marylanders see the current system as corrupt, and the vast majority embrace at least some reforms."

At the request of the State Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland, the survey questions were added to a more comprehensive poll on political attitudes conducted by the Schaefer Center for Public Policy, University of Baltimore. Participants were asked to indicate how strongly they agreed or disagreed with a series of statements about the impact of political contributions and possible reforms. The telephone survey of 804 Marylanders was conducted last December and has an error rate of plus or minus 4 percent.

Attitudes Toward Campaign Finance System

Marylanders expressed what the study calls a "marked skepticism" toward the current fundraising system. Among the findings:

- Contributions influence elected officials: 94 percent agree or strongly agree.
- Contributors have greater access to elected officials: 84 percent agree or strongly agree.
- Donors too often pressure office holders for favors: 80 percent agree or strongly agree.
- Office holders too often pressure donors for money: 59 percent agree or strongly agree.
- Money is a major source of political corruption: 75 percent agree or strongly agree.
- Money is the most important factor in elections: 67 percent agree or strongly agree.
- Candidates/elected officials spend too much time fundraising: 69 percent agree or strongly agree.

Yet the survey respondents did not wholly reject the notion of campaign contributions: 73 percent agreed or strongly agreed that contributions represent legitimate political involvement.

Contributors were more likely

than non-contributors to believe giving money to a campaign influenced elected officials. Of those who gave to a campaign in the past four years, 85 percent said contributions have a moderate or great deal of influence on elected officials. But 71 percent of those who did not give thought contributions have a moderate or great deal of influence.

There was substantial disagreement—along racial, gender, political and ideological lines—concerning the impact of campaign financing on the candidacies of women and minorities.

Attitudes Toward Reform Proposals

The survey revealed strong support for some reform proposals, including elimination of "soft money" contributions. The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 prohibited such contributions at the federal level, but party and political action committees in Maryland can still accept them. Among the findings:

- Limit spending by candidates: 76 percent approve or strongly approve.
- Ban soft money contributions: 70 percent approve or strongly approve.
- Limit TV advertising by or for candidates: 63 percent approve or strongly approve.
- Ban contributions by political action committees: 55 percent approve or strongly approve.
- Public funding for statewide and General Assembly candidates: 53 percent approve or strongly approve.

Opinions on soft money divided along racial, partisan and ideological lines. Blacks favored a soft money ban in Maryland far more than whites—60 percent versus eight percent. Liberals and moderates favored a ban more than conservatives—86 percent versus 68 percent.

Less than a majority would support increasing limits on the amounts political parties or individuals can contribute to candidates. Parties can now give up to \$6,000, individuals up to \$4,000.

Support for public funding of campaigns varied widely by ideology and party. A majority of Democrats (57 percent) favored the idea, but only a minority of Republicans (47 percent). More liberals (70 percent) approved than conservatives (55 percent). But when the question was phrased in terms of using "tax money" to support campaign costs, overall approval dropped to only 29 percent.

An executive summary of the report is available at www.capc.umd.edu/rpts/MDCampFinSrvy.pdf. Herrnson has conducted a series of studies over the past several years tracking campaign finance in Maryland. These are available online at www.capc.umd.edu/research.asp.



Book Bag

War after september 11

Benjamin R. Barber, Robert K. Fullinwider and Judith Lichtenberg. William A. Galston, director of the Institute, contributed the introduction. The volume was edited by Verna V. Gehring. All present or former scholars of the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy.

(Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2003)

A collection of essays that considers the just aims and legitimate limits of the U.S. response to the terrorists attacks.

Liberal Pluralism: The Implications of Value Pluralism for Political Theory and Practice

William A. Galston, director of the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy

(Cambridge University Press 2002).

Galston defends a version of value pluralism for political theory and practice, arguing that it undergirds a kind of liberal politics that gives great weight to the ability of individuals and groups to live their lives in accordance with their deepest beliefs about what gives meaning and purpose to life.

Canine Courage: The Heroism of Dogs

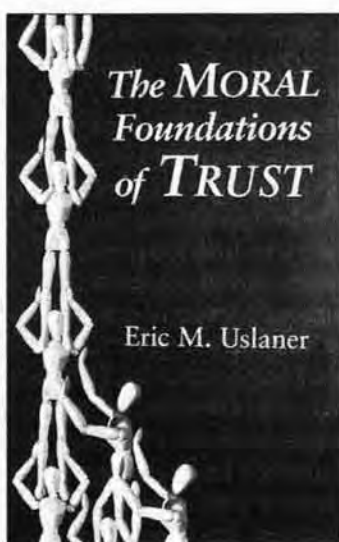
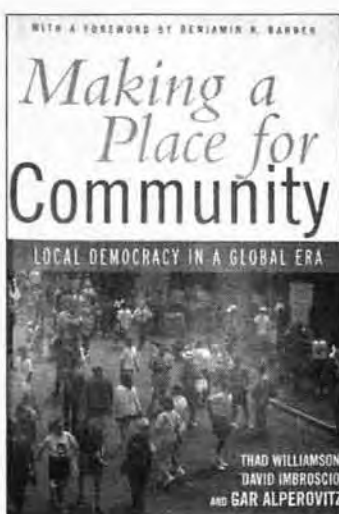
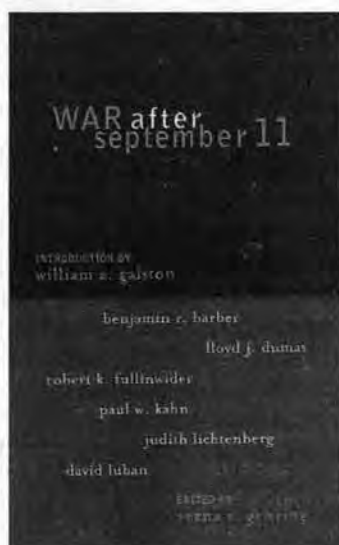
Tiffin Shewmake, School of Public Affairs

(PageFree Publishing, 2002)

An in-depth look at dog heroism and loyalty. The book is about trained and untrained dogs who save lives and help their disabled owners.

Making a Place for Community: Local Democracy in a Global Era

Thad Williamson, David Imbroscio and



Gar Alperovitz

Gar Alperovitz is the Lionel R. Bauman Professor of Political Economy, all are from the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

(Routledge, 2002)

Presents an extraordinary array of community building strategies and offers a blueprint for rebuilding the heart of American democratic life—its towns and cities.

Launching into Cyberspace: Internet Development and Politics in Five World Regions

Marcus Franda, professor of government and politics (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2002)

Examines the spread of the Internet to five world regions and factors impinging on its growth and development.

China and India Online: Information Technology Politics and Diplomacy in the World's Two Largest Regions

Marcus Franda, professor of government and politics (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2002)

This third volume in a series compares the politics and diplomacy of information technology development in the two most populous nations.

The Moral Foundations of Trust

Eric M. Uslander, professor of government and politics (Cambridge University Press, 2002)

Declining optimism and increasing economic inequality have caused a decline in trust. The book seeks to explain why people place their faith in strangers and why doing so matters.

Cole: Refurbished Offices, New Tenants

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began in the days of former Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Gregory Geoffroy. He envisioned giving this field house and Preinkert Gym over to academic purposes as space became an issue. Newer offices, such as Jensen's, took up residence where they could, though not always in a place that made sense. English teaching assistants, now moving into Preinkert, called temporary trailers west of South Campus Dining Hall headquarters. Others have just outgrown their original room, such as the Office for Organizational Effectiveness (OOE). Now housed in the Mitchell Building in a cubicle and one office, OOE will move into one suite in Cole.

"We have three staff people and one work study student. Two of us fit comfortably in space the Office of Institutional Research and Planning has kindly shared with us," says Vicky Foxworth, director of OOE. "We're excited. We'll have three times as much space as we do now...which is very helpful given the nature of our work and the range and quantity of the projects we're undertaking for campus clients."

To help determine who would get to move into Cole, David Falk, assistant vice president of academic affairs, went to a council of deans meeting to solicit requests, since most of the cost of reusing the building would be borne by that body. Testa says "a very modest amount" agreed to by the administration and the Department of Academic Affairs funded the changes. A working group of deans "wrestled with assignments and assessments," says Testa. "It was a consensus of win-wins...with very little pain in the process."

Making the transition requires a lot of coordination and input from those moving into the buildings, says Testa. While some may just need "paint and patch" work, other tenant spaces need complete reworking. Campus Recreation Services will manage the facility through a full-time person, Curt Callahan, who was assistant athletic direc-



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In the Cole office space formerly occupied by men's basketball head coach Gary Williams, work crews make headway on renovations. Top: Locksmith and all-around building expert Kelly Smith installs new locks on doors. Above, Sonny Adams paints trim in the reception area while Rick Williams (background) paints window trim in an office.

tor, operations. He also will work with student affairs on non-athletic events that use the field house floor. Callahan, who's been with Maryland athletics for several years, seems a perfect fit for the new responsibilities.

"There's no ownership of Cole," explains Director of FM Operations and Maintenance Jack Baker. "Curt will be in a position to bridge between academic affairs and facility issues beyond broken doorknobs. He'll be a tremendous asset and will make my life much easier when dealing with Cole."

Here is a list of who is, or will be, moving into Cole Field House and Preinkert Gym. Many of the occupants are divisions of larger schools, colleges or departments:

Cole occupants

Agriculture and Natural Resources' Urban Forestry department
Army ROTC
Art History
Asian American Studies Program
Baltimore Incentive Awards Program
Behavioral and Social Sciences
College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences' Association of Women in Mathematics
Campus Recreation Svcs.

College of Education
Health and Human Performance
International Programs
Philip Merrill College of Journalism's Knight Center
LGBT Equity Office
Libraries, storage
College of Life Sciences' Marine Estuarine Environmental Sciences/Conservation Biology programs
OOE
Orientation
Staff Ombuds Office/
President's Commission on Women's Issues

Theatre

Preinkert occupants

School of Architecture
Division of Academic Affairs
School of Public Affairs
Hubert Humphrey Journalism Program
East Asia Freeman program
College of Arts and Humanities
College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
General purpose classrooms

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It's a Dirty Job, But Someone's Got to Do It

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series on the university's solid waste management division. Journalism student Melissa Ostrow spent a morning with two employees as they went about their jobs. In this week's installment, she rides around in the front-end loader.

My alarm blared and I quickly got out of bed and tried to brush off the sleep. Showered and filled with hot oatmeal by 4:30 a.m., I was off. I thanked the skies that I didn't have to do this every day.

Today, I was going to be picking up garbage with the solid waste guys at the University of Maryland.

Every week people all over the country have a scheduled day where they collect the garbage around their house and put it on the curb. By the time they wake the next morning or return from work in the evening, all the garbage they had accumulated is gone.

I would be spending half the morning riding around on the front-end loader with Renay Bell, or, as the guys call him, "Rey," and the second half of the day with Mark Wilson on the rolloff trash truck.

When I got to their trailer at 4:45 a.m., Rey had already clocked in and gone to get the truck. So I sat with the other five men, while they threw on their coveralls and drank their coffee. They all seemed pretty lively for this early hour.

"It's OK, not hard work, you just have to get used to the hours. I like the hours now, no traffic coming or going from work," said Chester Tapp, who has been at the university for nine years.

Not one minute after 5 a.m. my chariot arrived, a large white and red front-end loader with a big terrapin on the side. Rey greeted me with a smile and helped me pull myself into the large truck. Inside smooth jazz played on the radio and a small television hung from the windshield. The television was to help Rey see what was going on behind him. He doesn't want to crush any students.

The smooth melody of the radio was soon interrupted by the loud engine and the beeping sound that signaled the hazards were on. I thought the beeping would torture me like water being dripped down your face, but the sound just blended into the atmosphere. Rey always keeps the hazards on in the morning to make sure people know he is there. "There are a lot of drunks out at 4 a.m.," Rey says.

Rey is a big guy, around 6'3", born and raised in the District. He attended Howard University on a football scholarship. "That is all I did," he says as he talks about his stu-



"...trash has to be moved every day, because nobody wants to be around garbage."

—REY BELL

dent days. Rey was in the accelerated chemistry program, because he wanted to be a dentist, but football and partying got the best of him.

"I didn't really learn. Being an athlete, you need to stick to the books, so that when sports can't carry you, you have something to fall back on."

After three years at Howard, he left school to travel around the world, following his high school sweetheart (who he eventually married) on her tour of duty in the Navy.

We pulled up to our first dumpster hidden behind one of the academic buildings. The giant claws came from under the sides of the truck and hooked into the handles on the dumpster, lifting it. It just hung there, looking weightless. Then Rey backed away from the curb and the large claws lifted the dumpster over our heads and shook the contents into the back of the truck. After the dumpster was empty, the arms came back down and placed the dumpster back in its original place. Then he pushed a big button and we heard the compressor squishing all of the garbage into the back of the truck. Rey and the other solid waste guys have to have either a class A or B classified drivers license and receive a physical every two years to drive the trucks.

Rey's family owns a solid waste trucking company. His uncle didn't want to "move on with the times," so Rey came to work for the university. He could never work for a private company, he says, because it would be an insult to his family.

The main thing Rey worries about while working on campus is the kids. They don't pay attention. Students have the privilege of a clean

campus, but when they see this large truck cruising down the road, they just walk right into its path. They never seem to notice the large truck or the men that keep their school clean. The students are also the reason Rey does the administrative buildings first thing in the morning. The drivers are not allowed near dorms before 7 a.m.

One morning, Rey thought he saw a carpet lying in the middle of the road, then he realized it was moving. He pulled over and saw that it was a drunk kid lying in the middle of the road. Occasional weird occurrences aside, his days are pretty much the same.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, each U.S. citizen creates about 1,628 pounds of garbage a year, with about 34,160 students and 28,147 faculty and staff, one can only imagine the amount of garbage produced on campus. The truck's arms can pick up 10,000 pounds of garbage without any problem. Rey usually doesn't have to worry about a dumpster being too heavy unless a contractor has put dirt in it.

Most schools with smaller populations don't have their own crews and trucks. Besides being a large state school, the campus was here before College Park really became a city, so the school has always had its own solid waste department, according to Robert Stumpff, coordinator of General Services.

Several of the dumpsters overflow and Rey has to pick up what people haven't made the effort to put into the dumpster. I was annoyed that people were so inconsiderate, but Rey didn't seem to mind. It's worse for him when people don't tie things up and Styrofoam gets all over the place.

Does he like his job? "I like it. It's hassle free, because nobody else is out here, but you and the truck," he said. "It's just a job."

"[But] nobody knows what we go through, they just know that they want their dumpsters emptied. The trash

has to be moved. You may be able to go a few days without an electrician or a plumber, but trash has to be moved every day, because nobody wants to be around garbage. You get rats and roaches."

The City of College Park serves a much smaller population, 25,000 people, and has a little less garbage (6,568 tons, 21.4 percent of which is recycled) but those people all live here year-round. However, instead of just six guys on staff like at the university, they have about 25 workers.

Last fiscal year, campus workers picked up 9,596.37 tons of garbage with 1,963.20 tons recycled (.7 percent higher than the required amount). That is a lot of garbage for guys whose salaries range from \$22,210 to \$32,210. The pay range is about the same as city workers, with the same benefits—it is a myth that garbage men get paid well. With that in mind, I had to ask why do the guys do it?

Rey does it for his kids, two teenage girls. Working for the university will allow them to go to college with reduced tuition. Each day he wakes up, leaves his house in Upper Marlboro and works from 5 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. He picks up his girls at school at 3:30, then heads to his second job, at a hospital, from 4:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Rey regrets not finishing college. "If I could do it again, I would have left sports to high school." He tells his girls "to shoot high, the sky is the limit, that way they can't say they didn't try."



Alert: Ready

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munity and to engage the community in a collaborative state of vigilance against threatening activities.

The UMDPS wants to make the campus aware of the impact of this state of alert to the campus community by providing general information about the institutional response that can be expected and what is expected of community members during these uncertain times.

For the duration of the heightened threat condition, the UMDPS will engage in the following activities on a daily basis to augment normal safety and security activities:

- Maintain an institutional liaison with local, state, and federal agencies to facilitate information sharing with the campus community.

- Provide increased uniformed police officer visibility at designated areas and during campus special events.

What you can do as a community member

Public Safety is calling on campus community members to be vigilant in immediately reporting suspicious activity observed on campus. Individuals' intimate knowledge of personal space and areas they frequent on campus enable them to best judge persons or conditions that are out of place or suspicious.

To report anything that seems out of the ordinary, immediately call the UMDPS at x911 from a campus phone or (301) 405-3333 from off campus or cell phones.

The community's assistance in alerting officers to suspicious conditions, events, or persons is a critical component of maintaining a safe and secure campus.

Direct any questions to the Public Information Officer, Major Cathy Atwell, at (301) 641-8679 or e-mail her at CATwell@umpd.umd.edu. For more on the campus' plans, go to www.umpd.umd.edu/pubinfo/heightenedalert.htm.

People are also encouraged to learn more about preparing for specific emergencies by visiting additional Web sites below:

- www.mema.domestic-preparedness.net/alerts.html (Maryland Emergency Management Agency overview of the MD Threat Alert System and guidance for citizens, businesses and schools)

- www.mdsp.org/cybertip.htm (Maryland State Police Counter Terrorism Cyber Tip site)

- www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/hsas.html (American Red Cross Homeland Security Advisory System)

- www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/security.pdf (Federal Emergency Management Agency site dealing with national security emergencies and terrorism).

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Computer Guy Stays in the Music Mix



PHOTO COURTESY OF G. CURTIS

Geoffrey Curtis spends his off hours in several areas of the entertainment industry.

Almost everyone can remember the guy who came to the party with the best music. No matter what was playing, after his tapes started, it was always a better party.

Geoffrey Curtis, University Relations' assistant LAN manager, is that guy.

Since leaving Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, Md., Curtis has been either a DJ or a producer of mix tapes for commercial radio stations, major record labels and parties. Interestingly, he got his start, he says, because he didn't like what he heard on the radio.

"People liked them and after a while, they would ask me if I would do some tapes for them," says Curtis. "Finally, somebody asked me if I'd considered submitting these tapes to radio stations. I hadn't."

An AM Baltimore station, WEBB 1360, was known to play tapes submitted from the public. Though amateur, the quality had to be good. Curtis called the manager and asked what he needed to do.

"He said, 'Put together three mixes, one mix per song.' So I did 'Huevo Dancing' by Fresh Face, 'Buffalo Gals' by Malcolm McLaren and the Supreme Team and 'It's in the Mix' by Iceberg Slim. I put it on a 60 minute, TDK tape and I still have it and it still plays."

The station liked his work and began playing Curtis' songs on the radio. He remembers when he heard his work on air for the first time. "It was April 1, 1983. I remember the date because it was April Fool's Day and when I told people my stuff was on the air, no one

believed me."

Curtis continued working for WEBB while he went to Howard County Community College for a data processing degree. Calling education his "cushion," he paid for it through his work as a DJ for parties. He moved on to UMBC to get a bachelor's in information systems management, and didn't need financial aid until near the end.

His double life continued after Curtis left the Baltimore station in 1988 to work at urban station WPGC-FM 95.5. A friend pulled him on board to do production work, even though there really wasn't a position available. "But my mix tapes gave the station an advantage," says Curtis. He also started working as a DJ on Fridays, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Curtis stayed at the Washington, D.C. station until 1994. You can now find him on-air at Baltimore's WERQ-FM 92 ("92Q") from 5 to 6 p.m., and then again from 11 p.m.-1 a.m. on Friday.

Though he sort of "fell into" his music career initially, it is now something Curtis pursues with purpose. At the same time he began working for WPGC, he picked up production work for Warner Brothers Records, Columbia Records, Atlantic Records and East-West Records. Some of his most recognizable mixes, both for Atlantic Records, are "One in a Million" by late R&B singer Aaliyah and "Bass Power" by Raze featuring Doug Lazy. Curtis says, because record companies send new music to him for possible airplay at 92Q, he takes the opportunity to pitch mixes to

company representatives. "I counter sell," says Curtis with a grin.

Most of his work is done in his townhouse basement studio in Columbia through his company, Edgemix Productions. He would love to work with legendary R&B group Earth, Wind and Fire, and he is about to work on a song by another legend, the Isley Brothers.

As if working at the university and working for major record labels isn't enough, Curtis collects and shows films. He owns more than 100 movies he bought from private film dealers, though because of licensing reasons he rents films from a distributor for his public shows. He was inspired by a man who shows movies in the summer at Columbia's Lake Kittamaquidi.

"Why do I like movies? The reels look neat! At least to a 10 year old they did. That film comes to life on the screen. I started showing movies when I was 12 to the neighborhood...There was an open field behind my house. I would borrow movies from the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore. I wouldn't charge, but I sold popcorn, that's how I got around the whole allowance issue."

In 1980, he showed his last film for a while, "Saturday Night Fever." He started back again in 1996, showing Disney's "101 Dalmatians" with Glenn Close. "I started again because a neighbor encouraged me to. We've had a huge influx of little kids."

Curtis says he's available for private parties, both as a DJ and for movie showings.

Home Web Use Offsets Personal Use at Work

American workers spend more of their personal time using the Internet to do office work at home than they do using the Web for personal purposes on the job, according to the 2002 National Technology Readiness Survey (NTRS), co-sponsored by the Center for e-Service at the Robert H. Smith School of Business and Rockbridge Associates, Inc.

The survey, conducted last December, found that employees with Web access at both the office and at home, spend an average of 3.7 hours per week engaged in personal online activities while on the job, but they spend more time—an average of 5.9 hours per week—using the Internet at home, for work-related purposes.

"Businesses often clamp down on personal use of the Internet at work, citing concerns about productivity, but this study indicates workers more than make up for it at home," said Roland Rust, director of the Center for e-Service at the Smith School. "The survey suggests companies should accept some personal use of the Internet at work as not only inevitable, but as positive to the organization. Totally segregating work from personal

activities might result in a net decline in work performed, not to mention lower workplace morale."

Fully 85 percent of survey participants with online Web access at work admitted using the Internet on the job for personal purposes. The survey found that workers who do not have Internet access at home spend more time doing personal Web business at work—an average of 6.5 hours per week compared to the 3.7 hours per week spent online by those who do have home access.

"The Internet gives people more freedom and flexibility, allowing a busy person to leave the office on time to have dinner with the family, and then finish up work-related loose ends using the Internet at home," said Charles Colby, president of Rockbridge Associates, Inc. "Many people conduct personal business on the Web at work to take advantage of high-speed Internet access. As we see better infrastructure introduced at home, we may see less workplace time spent on personal Internet activities."

The survey results, including detailed tables, can be viewed online at www.rhsmith.umd.edu/ntrs2002.

CIRCLE: Reviving Civics

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To try and tackle this problem, CIRCLE and the Carnegie Corporation of New York recently completed what is being called a landmark report on how to improve civic education at all grade levels. A diverse group of nearly 60 leading experts and practitioners helped write The Civic Mission of Schools report.

Released Feb. 13 during a Washington, D.C., news conference, the report focuses on schools as the best place for civic education to be taught. "Schools are the only institutions with the capacity and mandate to reach virtually every young person in the country," according to the report. It goes on to note "Many non-school institutions...have lost the capacity or will to engage young people."

The Civic Mission of Schools recommends a number of ways schools can develop what it calls "competent and responsible citizens." They include:

- Providing greater instruction in government, history, law and democracy.
- Discussing current events and issues, especially those that young people view as important to their lives.
- Giving young people the opportunity to take what they learn and apply it through community service.
- Offer extracurricular activities that let kids get involved with their communities.
- Encourage participation in

student government.

- Encourage student participation in events that simulate democratic procedures and processes.

The report provides what it calls a "framework" for creating more effective civic education programs around the country. It recommends, for example, that there be national standards for civics education, that elected officials actively promote civic education by visiting schools, that schools of education should strengthen their civics offerings and the federal government needs to increase the amount it spends on civic education.

One bright spot: the report says young people are increasingly involved in community service and volunteering. This is a "positive trend" the report says schools can build on to help engage students in civic education.

But as CIRCLE's Levine says, much more needs to be done: "Without civic education, people cannot participate fully in political life and in their communities. And if people do not participate, then important issues are handled by elites or not addressed at all."

The White House is also trying to jump-start the issue. The civic education report was a primary topic during a youth summit held there Feb. 17.

For a copy of the report and a list of the contributors, visit www.civicsmissionofschools.org.

Editor's note: Outlook's feature, extracurricular, will take occasional glimpses into university employees' lives outside of their day jobs. We welcome story suggestions; call Monette Austin Bailey at (301) 405-4629 or send them to outlook@accmail.umd.edu.

Cutbacks: Prioritizing

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clean more than twice the facilities.

"We're being mega-productive," says Teabout.

Departments also have the option of hiring extra housekeeping services, such as is being done in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Another large venue, the Campus Recreation Center, is cleaned by 23 people who work through the Department of

in a too-warm or too-cold room.

What would be helpful, says Baker, is if people could be more understanding. Logging 15 calls to his shops about the same concern will not necessarily speed up response time.

To minimize confusion and frustration with her department, Dykes is working on a schedule to post on the Facilities Management (FM) Web site that lets people keep track of what cleaning services their building or floor will receive and when. Her people work in two shifts, one from 4 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the second from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

"The first four hours of the first shift, before people come on campus, are the most productive," she says.

One way the campus can help housekeeping is to know their office's status. Many office or academic areas are off-master, meaning that neither Dykes nor Teabout have master keys that will allow them to come in and clean or dump trash. Tenants of those spaces often ask housekeeping to come in while the offices are open, "but we don't have people just wandering around looking for open doors," says Dykes. To find out an office's status, faculty and staff can call FM's lock shop at (301) 314-4444.

Overall, directors say the campus community has been supportive, both those working and those receiving services. It's a "we're all in the together" attitude people adopt.

"We have received some questions regarding our shortened hours, but since the current budget crisis affects all of campus, our customers seem to understand, or are trying to understand, the business decisions we have made," says Higgins. Echoing other directors sentiments, she adds, "We certainly regret the inconvenience."

"We've had to fight back against a lot. We couldn't absorb any more."

—SANDY DYKES

Resident Life. However, Comcast's offices, training and practice spaces are cleaned by only six Facilities Management personnel.

In Operations and Maintenance, the hardest hit shop is heating, ventilation and air conditioning, which is looking at a 30 percent vacancy rate. Director Jack Baker says it is difficult to hire technicians because he can't compete with private sector wages. "We're historically understaffed...and the budget cuts just made a bad problem worse."

He says of all the complaints and concerns he hears, those dealing with work environment are the most frequent and vehement. Unfortunately, it will be more difficult to respond to people's needs as he loses people and can't replace them. "If we have a whole building problem, for example, that will take precedence over an office problem."

"We've got to pull back and prioritize the work. It's an interesting exercise," Baker says he can be faced with decisions such as responding to a researcher with thousands of dollars and years of research at stake or a lecture hall of 500 students taking a test

Global Peace Trends Persist Despite New Crises

The number of regional and civil wars around the world has continued declining to unprecedented levels over the past two years—despite a rash of high profile international crises—according to a new report from the university's Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM).

The report, "Peace and Conflict 2003," shows that warfare has decreased 60 percent globally since 1991. International crises have dropped nearly 50 percent. The number of democracies has doubled since 1985. In the last two years alone, nine separatist wars have moved from the battlefield to the negotiating table.

But the report warns that this new stability in former trouble spots is fragile. A potential war with Iraq and nuclear tensions with North Korea head the list of challenges that cast a shadow over the recent increase in peace and security. Others include the ongoing struggle against terrorism, unresolved tensions in Afghanistan and the former Yugoslavia, increasing violence in Colombia and the face-off between nuclear powers India and Pakistan.

The new peace "is carrying forty-eight unstable regimes, thirty-three societies recovering from recently ended wars and twenty-five societies still locked in violent struggles," the report says. In a world of increasing tension, these poor and war-ravaged societies are prone to instability and state failure. This combination of growing tension and vulnerable societies presents crucial challenges to U.S. policy makers.

The report cautions against "the perception, especially in the United States, that some security threats are impervious to peaceful or multilateral solutions." Military force may be necessary to contain some crises, says Ted Robert Gurr, a principal author of the report and professor of government and politics, "but war shifts international attention and resources away from long-term constructive efforts at conflict management.



On the above graphic, the darkest areas represent areas with the greatest risk of new outbreaks of armed conflict. The medium shaded areas are countries facing serious risk and the lightest areas are lowest risk countries.

And it risks spillover effects that destabilize other areas."

The war on terror also poses special risks for U.S. policy makers. "The transformation of the 'global war on terrorism' to a 'clash of civilizations' would most certainly lead to a major reversal of established trends in warfare, democratization and prosperity," says Monty Marshall, a principal author of the report and research scientist at CIDCM. "Initial victories are often followed by costly obligations and long-term risks."

Diplomatic engagement and political pressure has worked best at containing recent conflicts, the report says. Sanctions, quarantines and military interventions have been more problematic.

The centerpiece of "Peace and Conflict 2003" is a unique catalogue and ranking of conflict within nations; what it calls a "peace and conflict ledger." Using eight measures of capacity for building peace and avoiding armed conflict, the ledger assigns red or yellow flags to mark unstable situations, green flags to stable countries.

Africa has the greatest concentration of red flags. Yellow flags mainly mark Asia, while the Middle East is ringed by red flags from North Africa to the Caucasus to Afghanistan. The ledger shows Nigeria and Congo-Kinshasa among the most critical countries in Africa. In Asia, a tangle of threatening crises is topped by the nuclear threat in the Pakistan-India conflict.

The potential for renewed con-

flict is balanced by strong gains and some surprising successes, mainly the persistence of the new democracies formed after the end of the Cold War, the report says. Most remain fragile though, deserving "redoubled international encouragement and support."

Another success story is the endurance of diplomatic solutions to conflicts once thought intractable. "The first years of the new millennium have produced a virtual cascade of peace talks and settlements in civil wars and negotiations in international conflicts," the report says. The Israel-Palestine conflict is among the very few in which negotiated solutions have failed.

CIDCM issued a similar report in 2001. The updated version says gains in peace and democracy have been sustained over the past two years and in some instances have improved. During 2002, peace accords were reached in two of the world's longest and most deadly civil wars, in Angola and Sudan. International diplomatic pressures helped push India and Pakistan back from the brink of nuclear war.

The report is available online at www.cidcm.umd.edu/peace_and_conflict_2003.htm. The Carnegie Corporation of New York and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation funded the report. CIDCM is an interdisciplinary research and training center specializing in civil and international conflict, second track diplomacy and the global digital divide.

Keefe: Leaves Spider Silk Work to Focus on Embryology, Biotechnology

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University of Delaware, and her Nexia colleagues successfully transferred a spider's silk protein gene into goats' eggs. These eggs were placed into the womb of surrogate mother goats. The resulting kids (young goats) had spider silk protein in their milk.

There are many possible uses for the spider silk. "The one I find most exciting is the pro-

duction of medical sutures, because you can have really fine but strong medical sutures for doing really fine surgeries," Keefe said. "These have to go through trials and testing to be sure [that they are safe], but they would be biocompatible and biodegradable, so they would last long enough to do the effective work of a suture but would then break down."

If enough silk can be produced, sheets of fabric might be woven and used to make spider silk bulletproof vests that are much stronger and lighter than Kevlar. The silk may also be used to make fishing line.

Keefe said that for now she will have to leave her research with silk-producing goats behind, but hopes to develop a research association with Nexia

in the future. In her research at Maryland, Keefe will try to develop an embryonic stem cell model in goats. "One of the proposals for embryonic stem cells and also adult stem cells is that they be used for research purposes to study disease processes and for medical therapies. But the problem is we need other animal models to study how this really works, because

you don't want to try these things for the first time with humans, and currently this work is only possible with mice," Keefe said.

Once she has settled into life at Maryland, Keefe will help develop undergraduate and graduate programs in animal biotechnology.

—Stephen E. Mather, graduate journalism student

For Your Interest

Safety Training Session

The Department of Environmental Safety (DES) hosts a laboratory safety orientation training session each month. This training is offered to assure regulatory compliance. The next training session will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20, 9:30 to 11 a.m., in room 3104 Chesapeake Building. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, contact Jeanette Cartron at (301) 405-2131 or jcartron@accmail.umd.edu.

Perfect Illusions: Eating Disorders and The Family

Airing on PBS stations nationwide on Monday, Feb. 24 at 10 p.m., this new documentary focuses on the dramatic experiences of four families whose lives have been affected by eating disorders.

In observation of the 2003 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, the University Counseling Center offers:

- Informational hand-outs for copying and distributing
- Resources for treatment and support
- Walk-in hours: Counseling Center (4-7651), on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 25 and 26, 8:30 a.m. to noon; the Health Center (4-8142) on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

For further information on the film, visit www.nationaleatingdisorders.org and click on "Perfect Illusions."

Read Across America

Four hundred volunteers are needed to read with four hundred second-grade children on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Lobby. Volunteers will be matched one-to-one with a child, so they must be available the entire time. Departments, student organizations, classes and other groups are welcome to volunteer together.

For more details and to receive a sign-up sheet, Contact Elsa Clausen at (301) 314-READ or arac@accmail.umd.edu. A prompt response is appreciated. The event is sponsored by America Reads/America Counts, a federal work-study tutoring program and a unit of the office of Community Service.

Nominations: Teaching with Technology Award

Nominations for the "University of Maryland Award for Innovation in Teaching with Technology" are now being accepted. Co-sponsored by the Office of Information Technology and the Office of Undergraduate Studies, this award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in the use of technology to promote excellence in teaching and learning, and it helps highlight the many ways in

New Time for Spring Commencement



FILE PHOTO BY JOHN T. CONSOLI

Maryland seniors planning to graduate in May have some schedule changes to make. The campus-wide commencement ceremony is being moved from Friday, May 23 at 9:30 a.m. to Thursday, May 22 at 7 p.m. The new Comcast Center remains the venue. The student procession will now begin at 6:30 p.m. with the platform party marching in at 7 p.m. Franklin Raines, the CEO of Fannie Mae, will be the commencement speaker.

According to President Dan Mote, "An evening event that brings graduates together with their friends and families before the college and department celebrations will increase the spirit and success of our commencement activities."

The individual school graduation ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 23 at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m.

which our university has taken leadership in this critical area. If you qualify, please consider applying for this award. Individuals or groups may apply. The application deadline is Feb. 28. For more information, visit www.oit.umd.edu/as/UMITT/.

Jazz Night Returns to the Golf Course

Live Jazz is back for the spring semester at the University Golf Course, every Thursday, beginning Feb. 6 through March 13, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jazz night features our favorite university jazz band Cheek to Cheek. For more information, contact Chris Cantore (301) 314-6630 at ccantore@dining.umd.edu or visit www.dining.umd.edu/locations/golf_course.

Nominations: Women of Color Award 2003

Each year the President's Commission on Women's Issues honors one or two outstanding Women of Color on our campus for their exemplary contributions to the university community. The guidelines for award nominations are available online at www.inform.umd.edu/PCWI/awards.html. These guidelines delineate what student, faculty and staff nominees are expected to have accomplished to be considered for the honor. Additional relevant accomplishments may also be indicated. Nominees needn't meet every single accomplishment, only a preponderance of them.

The deadline for receipt of the nomination is Wednesday, Feb. 19. Presentation of Awards will be on Thursday, March 6 from 2-4 p.m. in the Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall.

Send nominations to Mary Cothran at the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education in 1101 Hornbake Library. For nomination forms and more information, call (301) 405-5617.

Bull and Oyster Roast

Come to the University Golf Course for the Annual Bull and Oyster Roast on Feb. 20, beginning at 6 p.m. The menu features traditional favorites, including: fried and steamed oysters, oyster stew, oysters on the half shell, seafood imperial, roast beef, barbecue chicken and desserts. See the entire menu at www.dining.umd.edu/locations/golf_course/events.html. The cost is \$26.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Club members, faculty, staff and their guests pay \$21.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Reservations required.

For more information, contact Nancy Loomis at (301) 314-6631 or nloomis@dining.umd.edu.

Maintain the Momentum

Join fellow alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and special guest Coach Gary Williams for the seventh annual Terrapin Pride Day today, Feb. 18 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Miller Senate Building, Conference Center East, 11 Bladen St. in

Annapolis. As legislators face some of the most difficult budget decisions in more than a decade, your support of the university is more important than ever.

Connect with newly elected Gov. Robert Ehrlich and Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, as well as other state legislators to highlight the university's accomplishments and ensure our forward momentum. Build support for our flagship institution by rallying in Annapolis.

A light lunch will be provided. Buses will be leaving from Cole Field House sharply at 11 a.m. Buses will be leaving from Annapolis starting at 2 p.m., returning to Cole by 3 p.m.

To reserve a seat on the bus, please email Tara Brown at terppride2003@yahoo.com or call Tara at (301) 405-0789.

SAS and SPSS (BSOS Sponsored) Courses

Learn to use a statistical analysis package in a few hours. Each course is held on campus and costs \$39. The courses are:

- SPSS Fundamentals: Learn data manipulation and simple statistical analysis. Feb. 18, 1 to 4 p.m.

- SAS Statistical Analysis: Learn to analyze and interpret univariate and multivariate statistics. March 11, 1 to 4 p.m.

- SPSS Statistical Analysis: Learn to analyze and interpret univariate and multivariate statistics. March 18, 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact LearnIT Staff at (301) 405-1670 or LearnIT@oacs.umd.edu, or visit www.LearnIT.umd.edu.